

RECEIVED
CENTRAL FAX CENTER
OCT 24 2005

Docket No.: 124251
Serial No.: 10/604,740

Attorney Docket No. 124251

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: William R. STOWELL, et al. : Confirmation No.: 1739
Serial No.: 10/604,740 : Group Art Unit: 1746
Filing Date: August 13, 2003 : Examiner: CARRILLO, B.S.
For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR REDUCING METAL OXIDES ON
SUPERALLOY ARTICLES

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION OF FINAL REJECTION

Mail Stop AF
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated September 16, 2005; Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the final rejection and a new non-final rejection with a new mailing date be issued.

The present application was filed with 20 claims. Claims 2, 4 and 17-20 have been cancelled. Claims 1, 3, 5, 6, 9 and 11 have been amended. New claims 21 - 26 have been added. No new claim fees are believed required. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the final rejection since several claims pending in the application, which have not been amended by the Applicant, have been finally rejected based on a new reference.

The present application has pending claims 1, 3, 5-16 and 21-26. The pending claims include Claims 7, 8, 10, 12, 13, 14, 15, and 16 which are the original claim filed in the application, and which have not been amended by the Applicant. All claims pending have been finally rejected by the Examiner in the instant action.

The table below lists these non-amended claims, along with the art cited in rejecting each of the claims in the first non-final rejection, and the art cited in rejecting each of the claims in the second final rejection.